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In re new U.S. patent application of : Attn: Box PCT (DO/EO/US)
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For: Synthetic Resin Emulsion and Sealer Composition
Containing the Same for Recoating

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15 as follows:

a 3. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate, in which the alkyl group has 4 or less carbon atoms, is selected from the group consisting of methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, ethyl acrylate, and ethyl methacrylate.

4. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the copolymerizable monomer is a monomer having a functional group selected from the group consisting of glycidyl, ureido, acetoacetoxy, acetoacetyl, amide, allyl, silyl, nitrile, and hydroxyl groups.

a2 6. (Amended) The synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 4, wherein the monomer having a functional group is acetoacetoxyethyl (meth)acrylate.

7. (Amended) A sealer composition for recoating a coating, comprising the synthetic resin emulsion according to claim 1.